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1. DELEGATION CHAIRMAN ALHAJI VERY PLEASED WITH SCHEDULE FOR
TRADE AND INVESTMENT GROUP AND COMMENDS THOSE WHO ARRANGED IT.
HE ALSO LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING DINNERS BETWEEN COMPANIES AND
INDIVIDUAL GROUP MEMBERS IN EVENINGS. ALHAJI HAS MADE THREE
SUGGESTIONS:

A) THE GROUP SHOULD TRAVEL TO NEW YORK CITY ON TUESDAY
AFTERNOON BY CAR 'IN ORDER TO SEE WHAT AMERICA ACTUALLY LOOKS
LIKE. A VISIT TO A HAMBURGER HOUSE ALONG THE ROAD WILL TELL A
LOT OF GOOD THINGS ABOUT THE U.S.' ALHAJI HAS PREVIOUSLY MADE
THE DC-NYC TRIP BY CAR AND FEELS CONFIDENT THAT HIS COLLEAGUES
WILL DRAW FAVORABLE IMPRESSIONS FROM IT.

(B) IT WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED IF INVITATIONS TO AMBASSADOR
YOUNG'S RECEPTION ON TUESDAY EVENING COULD BE SENT TO NIGERIAN
CONSUL GENERAL AND COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR OF NIGERIAN CONSULATE
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GENERAL IN NYC.

(C) THE GROUP DEFINITELY SHOULD RETURN TO WASHINGTON BY PLANE

ON THE MORNING OF FRIDAY RATHER THAN ON THURSDAY NIGHT. HE SEES
OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORKING-SOCIAL ENCOUNTERS WITH BUSINESS
LEADERS ON FINAL EVENING IN NYC AS 'FAR TOO VALUABLE
TO WASTE'. APPARENTLY ADAMANT ON THIS POINT, ALHAJI GIVES

ASSURANCES THAT HIS GROUP WILL ARRIVE FOR FIRDAY PLENARY SESSION ON TIME.

2. DELEGATION SEES NO PROBLEM IN WAITING TO PLENARY SESSION ON

MONDAY MORNING TO LEARN SCHEDULES OF OTHER WORKING GROUPS. HE HAS AGAIN EMPHASIZED FLEXIBILITY OF DELEGATION AND IS READY TO CARVE OUT TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER GROUP TO REMAIN IN WASHINGTON THROUGHOUT WEEK. TWO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS ARE BEING ADDED TO DELEGATION; A. O. OLUNAUNI, DIRECTOR, INSTITUTIONS PLANNING AND POLICY, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES, TO STRENGTHEN DELEGATION'S PARTICIPATION IN OPIC DISCUSSIONS AND AN AS YET UNNAMED NNPC OFFICIAL TO SERVE AS PETROLEUM EXPERT.

3. ALHAJI H. ALHALI, CHAIRMAN OF TECHNICAL MANPOWER TRAINING COMMITTEE, REGRETFULLY HAS DROPPED OUT OF DELEGATION AND IS NOW SELECTING ANOTHER MEMBER TO REPRESENT HIM. ALKALI RETURNED VERY TIRED FROM RECENT VISITS IN U.S. AND EUROPE, FELL ILL WITH MALARIA AND IS RECUPERATING WHILE TAKING CARE OF HEAVY WORK-LOAD. IN REGARD TO SUBJECT DISCUSSED IN STATE 98834 (TECHNICAL EDUCATION TRAINING AT FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY), ALKALI BELIEVES THAT THIS IS NOT A MATTER FOR HIS COMMITTEE BUT THAT IT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED DIRECTLY WITH THE STATES. IN REMAINING TIME BEFORE DEPARTURE OF DELEGATION WE WILL TRY TO DO THIS. CAHILL HAS ALSO BRIEFED CHAIRMAN ALHAJI ON CONTENTS OF CABLE.

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4. ALHAJI IS PREPARED TO WORK ON JOINT STATEMENT ON SATURDAY, APRIL 29, IF NOT COMPLETED ON FRIDAY. OTHERWISE HE WOULD LIKE DELEGATION TO HAVE THE DAY WHOLLY FREE TO PURSUE SHOPPING AND INDIVIDUAL SIGHTSEEING. TCAS OF MCLEAN, VIRGINIA, A TELECOMMUNICATIONS

FIRM WITH A LARGE CONTRACT IN NIGERIA, IS PREPARED TO INVITE MEMBERS OF DELEGATION TO BOWIE RACETRACK TO SHOW A SAMPLE OF AMERICAN CULTURE. TCAS EXECUTIVE OWNS 9 HORSES. ALHAJI OWNS 3 AND IS ATTRACTED TO BOWIE VISIT. WE SUGGEST KOTT BE COORDINATOR OF BETTING (I.E. HOLD THE MONEY) FOR INTERESTED DELEGATION MEMBERS.
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